

Wilson County includes towns and cities such as, Floresville, La Vernia, Pandora, Poth, Stockdale, Sutherland Springs, and communities such as Carpenter, Calaveras, Canada Verde, Grass Pond Colocy, Kicaster, Doseido Colony, Sasameo and Sandy Hills. It totals 809 square miles and has a population of more than 40,000.

From a legacy in ranching, to its honorable natives and rich historical culture, Wilson County celebrating its sesquicentennial year is a milestone for the county and for Texas. I am honored to have had this time to recognize Wilson County on its sesquicentennial year.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,544,389,439,808.45.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,905,963,693,514.65 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
HERTA ADLER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Herta Adler, known to Memphians as the "matriarch of the local Jewish community." She was born to Adolf and Mathilde Arfeld on September 27, 1915, in Diez, Germany.

Herta Adler was 24 when she witnessed the burning of her synagogue on Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass. That night rioters burned or destroyed 267 synagogues; thousands of homes and businesses were vandalized or destroyed; at least 91 Jewish people were killed, and 25,000 to 30,000 Jews were sent to concentration camps, including many who were friends or family of Herta Adler.

In 1940, Mrs. Adler was permitted to move to Lisbon, Portugal, where her brother was in business, because the government granted residency to family members of established residents. From Portugal, Mrs. Adler made her way to New York City, where she met her husband, Dr. Justin H. Adler. They married in 1943 and relocated to Memphis not long after.

Herta and Justin Adler were well-known as avid collectors of art and Judaica. Mrs. Adler, in particular, was known as a philanthropist who supported all kinds of artistic and cultural organizations, reminding others that "charity is the gift that we give for having a good life." In the early 1990s, the Adlers donated a large collection of Jewish ritual art to Temple Israel, which is located in Memphis, TN, helping to

create the only Judaica museum in the region. In 1992, the Adlers also contributed their extensive pewter collection, which spans 400 years, to Dixon Gallery and Gardens, where it is part of the permanent collection.

Even greater than Mrs. Adler's passion and appreciation for art was Mrs. Adler's interest in the people around her and her dedication to her synagogue. She befriended and supported several young Memphis artists and centered much of her life on Temple Israel, where she was a member for more than 60 years. Mrs. Adler and her husband were also founders of Beth Shalom Synagogue, a Conservative Synagogue in Memphis.

Mrs. Herta Adler passed away on Friday, February 12, 2010, and was laid to rest on Monday, February 15, 2010. She was 94 years old. She is survived by her daughters Hedda A. Schwartz, a residential and commercial real estate executive, and Susan Adler Thorp, a respected journalist, and her son Michael Adler, an accomplished attorney—all of Memphis. I will always remember Mrs. Adler for her devotion to shaping the cultural and Jewish life of Memphis, Tennessee.

CONGRATULATING HUGH DUGAN
ON HIS SELECTION TO SERVE AS
GRAND MARSHALL FOR THE 2010
CARBON COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S
DAY PARADE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Hugh D. Dugan, who was named Grand Marshall for the Carbon County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Dugan was born in Coaldale, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1943, a son of the late Dennis and Margaret Hogan Dugan. Mr. Dugan was raised in Jim Thorpe with his older brother, John.

He attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School and graduated from Jim Thorpe High School in 1961.

Mr. Dugan enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1962 and served for 22 years until his retirement as a Master Chief Petty Officer in 1984. During his military service, he was stationed in New Jersey, New York, Washington, D.C., New London, Connecticut, and London, England. During that period, Mr. Dugan was awarded two Coast Guard Achievement Medals as well as numerous other citations.

Mr. Dugan was also employed by the U.S. Post Office in Jim Thorpe, where he worked for 20 years.

Mr. Dugan and his wife, Fran, have resided in Jim Thorpe since 1977. They have been married for 45 years and have three daughters, Theresa, Denise and Maureen, and a son, Michael. They also have nine grandchildren. They are members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Jim Thorpe.

Mr. Dugan is a charter member and co-founder of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He served as its first vice president and two terms as president. He is currently financial secretary of that organization. He has also served as co-chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade for the past several years.

Mr. Dugan also served as Division Representative for the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, a program that brought teens from Northern Ireland to the United States to live with host families for six weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Dugan served as host for four Irish teens over the years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Dugan on this auspicious occasion. His commitment to his family, his community and his Nation is exemplary and inspirational. Clearly, he has improved the quality of life throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE,
AND WORK OF MAJ. GEN. HUGH
G. ROBINSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a great American, Maj. Gen. Hugh G. Robinson, who passed away on March 1, 2010 at the age of 77.

General Robinson was an outstanding civic leader in the Dallas community, and as a decorated Vietnam War veteran who served in the Army from 1954 to 1983, he was an inspiration to countless individuals across the city. Born in Washington, D.C., he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point where he received a bachelor's degree before completing graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During his time in Vietnam, he received an Air Medal, a Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and an Army Commendation Medal for his work commanding the 39th Engineer Battalion and serving as an executive officer of the 45th Engineer Group. He later returned to Washington, D.C. where he served at the Pentagon and in President Lyndon B. Johnson's White House where he became the first African-American Army aide to a President.

After leaving the military in 1983, General Robinson settled in Dallas where he served on the board of directors of several corporations including Southland Corp. and Belo Corp. He was active in the New Way Christian Outreach Church in Dallas, and along with his wife, adopted 13 foster children.

Madam Speaker, Maj. Gen. Robinson was regarded as a true hero in the Dallas community, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring his life and service. He was an inspiration to us all and will be truly missed.

HONORING PATRICK R. BYRNE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patrick R. Byrne, the 2010 Honorary Chairman of the 38th Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon being held at the Buffalo Irish Center this March 12th.

Pat's Irish roots certainly run deep; his father Mike is a native of County Offaly while his

mother Maureen hails from County Limerick. The Byrnes were incredibly involved in Buffalo's Irish American community, helping to establish the St. Patrick's Irish American Club as well as the Gaelic American Athletic Association of Buffalo—now the Buffalo Irish Center.

Pat himself has continued this great tradition as a steadfast supporter of the Buffalo Irish Center. The extensive list of his community involvements includes being the President of

M.P.B. Travel and the Byrne Agency. He is also a member of the Society of Financial Service Professionals as well as the Golden Key Society. Pat has served as a trustee for the Orchard Park School District, President of the Upstate Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents, and President of the Buffalo Chapter of Scalp and Blade. He and his wife Darlene reside in Orchard Park.

The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon is a time to celebrate all of Western New York's businesses, community members, government leaders, and friends. It is a wonderful Buffalo tradition that I am proud to be a part of. I ask my fellow Members to join me in recognizing Pat for his chairmanship of the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and his many contributions to the Buffalo community.